

unable to cope, on the other, a party sustained by violence which even the most honest and upright of its members were unable to repress and restrain; while the city authorities themselves were either unable to grapple effectually with the diabolism broke loose in the community, or unwilling to provoke the retaliatory spirit of a desirable but furious ally. Such was the condition of affairs in Baltimore, when the most urgent appeals were made to me, to exert the authority vested in the Executive of the State for the protection of her citizens against intestine disorder, and to see that the laws were executed. I did not feel at liberty to hesitate longer in the performance of a duty evidently incumbent upon me. It was not for me to consider the contingencies of political antagonism, or a perverted public sentiment. My duty was plain, and I had no alternative but to perform it; and to leave the sequel to the people themselves. I realized no accountability in an utter failure to rally a single man to the service to which he might be called. It was my duty to present such a statement of facts as had been laid before me, to exhibit the remedy, and to use the proper means for the application of it. To this end, responding to the entreaties of gentlemen earnest in their avowals of co-operation to any necessary extremity, and in full compliance with my own sense of duty, I visited Baltimore. Immediately upon my arrival, I addressed the Mayor of the city, and invited his counsel and co-operation, in devising and putting into practical effect, means adequate to the impending emergency. Again was my overture repulsed, and this time the Executive authority of the State coolly and gratuitously disputed. The object which I had in view, requiring in my judgment the most prompt and rigorous measures, would not admit of the delay incident to an empty controversy about well established constitutional authority. Accordingly in the execution of my purpose, I at once initiated preliminary measures towards the summary and effective organization of the Militia, and on Thursday morning October 29th, issued a Proclamation informing the people of Baltimore, what I had done, and further contemplated for the preservation of the peace, and to secure to the legal voters of the city their rights against violence and intimidation.

Orders were issued to Major General George H. Stuart to hold his command, the 1st Light Division M. V., ready for service at a time specified; and to Major General John Spear Smith, to enrol and embody without delay, six Regiments of not less than six hundred men each to be ready for service at the same time. These orders were responded to by the General Officers with immediate measures in pursuance of the purpose in view. Having thus initiated proceedings I took occasion to reply at some length to the very remarkable propositions advanced by the Mayor of Baltimore in his letter to me; and renewed my solicitation that he would co-operate with me in a harmonious effort to assert the supremacy